Admits Lying At Trial Of Secret Service Aide

A defendant in a $200,000 counterfeiting case testified Wednesday in U.S. District Court that he gave perjured testimony in the trial of Secret Service Agent Abraham Bolden last year.

The statement came from Joseph Spagnoli, 31, who was a key prosecution witness against Bolden.

Spagnoli testified at Bolden's trial that Bolden attempted to sell him a confidential Secret Service report on a counterfeiting gang for $50,000.

Bolden was convicted of trying to sell government evidence and sentenced to six years in prison.

Raymond J. Smith, Bolden's lawyer, said after learning of Spagnoli's testimony that he would seek to reopen the Bolden case.

Smith said he would go before the U.S. Court of Appeals Thursday to ask that the new Spagnoli evidence be taken in U.S. District Court.

Explains Lies

Spagnoli said Wednesday he lied about dates and his means of employment during the Bolden trial.

The lies, he said, were suggested by the government prosecuter, Asst. U.S. Atty. Richard T. Sikes, "so I would look good in the jury's eyes."

Sikes also is prosecutor in the current counterfeiting case.

After several minutes of Spagnoli's testimony, lawyers for his co-defendants moved for a mistrial on the basis of his statements.

Motion Rejected

However, Judge Joseph Sam Perry rejected the motion.

After Spagnoli's testimony on the Bolden case, his lawyer, Frank W. Oliver, rested his case.

However, Sikes indicated he would seek to recall Spagnoli for further cross-examination.

The trial of Spagnoli and the other eight defendants is in its second month.

They are accused of transporting interstate some $200,000 in fake Bank of America traveler's checks and U.S. savings bonds they allegedly manufactured in a Melrose Park trailer camp.

2d Defendant Testifies

A second defendant testifying Wednesday, John Campion, 27, said he was forced to sell the bogus bonds and checks by another defendant, Vito Zaccagnini.

Campion said he owed Zaccagnini $1,000 on a high-interest "juice" loan. He said Zaccagnini pointed a revolver at him and said, "I'll knock your head off and put you in a trunk if you don't pay."

He testified Zaccagnini also threatened his parents.